

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 551 – HB 1217

February 24, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that each plant and each container of seeds be labeled to indicate whether the plant or the container of seeds is open pollinated, genetically modified, or is a hybrid.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$32,000

Assumptions:

- Based on the information received by the Department of Agriculture (DOA), complaints will be the determining factor in sampling products and the resulting information will lead the department to implement additional testing on similar type seeds.
- Based on the information provided by DOA, it is estimated that complaints will result in 80 samplings per year and analyses of those samplings will be contracted to a private commercial laboratory.
- DOA indicates the cost to conduct a lab analysis is approximately \$400 per sample.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$32,000 (80 samples x \$400.00).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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